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because we know that guns are associated with life and death. But I hope that in the discussion today on this bill, we don't confuse the issues, because we're not talking about whether or not guns are made. We're not talking about whether guns may be We are not talking about whether guns could be interfered with or changed in a manner that would make them less We're not talking about the type of guns that might be allowed in the state of Nebraska. What we are talking about in Senator Combs' bill is where they may be stored when a person is And it seems interesting to me that a gun in a moving about. pocket does not threaten anyone. A gun in a purse does not threaten anyone. A gun in a briefcase does not threaten anyone. And they should cause no fear. It is a gun in a hand with a finger on a trigger that should be feared. That's not what we're talking about here. We're talking about how a person may carry this item that society has deemed in America to be legal by our constitution. And I would certainly think that it might be safer for public to have that item in the console of a car. rather than on a seat where it may be grabbed quickly. And certainly if law enforcement was approaching a car, I wouldn't want an item like that sitting on a seat where it might be grabbed very quickly. So I think that Senator Combs has tried to address and put some safeguards into her bill. I think she's worked very hard. But I hope that in our discussion we don't confuse the issue, that how we vote on this bill will not determine whether guns are legal in Nebraska, or whether guns are legal in the United States, whether guns will be made, whether guns will be owned. Certainly, guns are owned. Will it promote more guns? Well, there are people who are collectors. They are out at gun shows; they're buying lots of guns. Do they need more than one? Probably not. There are a lot of things that people own they don't need more than one of. Imelda Marcos used to buy shoes. Did she need that many shoes? People are drawn and interested by different things. But this bill is about where an item may be carried, not about whether an item may be owned. So let's not confuse it; let's not talk about whether or not the criminal element will have more guns. They certainly already have the guns. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Louden, Senator Chambers, Senator Flood.